

of protecting our current and former leaders exceptionally well. I am pleased that this legislation will help the Secret Service to carry out this important mission.

This bipartisan legislation also includes important cyber crime provisions—portions of the Identity Theft Enforcement and Restitution Act—to protect the privacy rights of all Americans. The anticyber crime provisions in this bill are long overdue. A recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission found that more than 8 million Americans fell victim to identity theft in 2005. In addition, a new report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development encourages democratic governments around the world to more aggressively fight identity theft, by enacting stronger cyber crime laws and stiffening the penalties to deter potential cybercriminals.

The key anticyber crime provisions that are included in this legislation will close existing gaps in our criminal law to keep up with the cunning and ingenuity of today's identity thieves. First, to better protect American consumers, the legislation provides the victims of identity theft with the ability to seek restitution in Federal court for the loss of time and money spent restoring their credit and remedying the harms of identity theft, so that identity theft victims can be made whole. Second, to address the increasing number of computer hacking crimes that involve computers located within the same State, the cybercrime amendment eliminates the jurisdictional requirement that a computer's information must be stolen through an interstate or foreign communication in order to federally prosecute this crime.

Third, this legislation also addresses the growing problem of the malicious use of spyware to steal sensitive personal information, by eliminating the requirement that the loss resulting from the damage to a victim's computer must exceed \$5,000 in order to federally prosecute the offense. The bill carefully balances this necessary change with the legitimate need to protect innocent actors from frivolous prosecutions, and clarifies that the elimination of the \$5,000 threshold applies only to criminal cases.

In addition, the amendment addresses the increasing number of cyber attacks on multiple computers, by making it a felony to employ spyware or keyloggers to damage 10 or more computers, regardless of the aggregate amount of damage caused. By making this crime a felony, the amendment ensures that the most egregious identity thieves will not escape with minimal punishment under Federal cyber crime laws. The legislation also strengthens the protections for American businesses, which are more and more becoming the focus of identity thieves, by adding two new causes of action under the cyber extortion statute—threatening to obtain or release information from a protected computer and

demanding money in relation to a protected computer—so that this bad conduct can be federally prosecuted. And, lastly, the legislation adds the remedy of civil and criminal forfeiture to the arsenal of tools to combat cyber crime and our amendment directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review its guidelines for identity theft and cyber crime offenses.

Senator SPECTER and I have worked closely with the Department of Justice and the Secret Service in crafting these updates to our cyber crime laws and the legislation added as an amendment to the Former Vice President Protection Act has the strong support of these Federal agencies and the support of a broad coalition of business, high tech and consumer groups. The bill as amended to include these critical cyber crime provisions is a good, bipartisan bill that will help to better protect our Nation's leaders and to better protect all Americans from the growing threat of identity theft and other cyber crimes.

I thank Senator SPECTER for his hard work on this legislation. I also thank Senators BIDEN and HATCH and the bipartisan coalition of Senators who have joined with us to ensure its passage. In addition, I thank House Judiciary Committee Chairman CONYERS and Congressman BOBBY SCOTT for their assistance in enacting this bill. I also thank Majority Leader REID, House Majority Leader HOYER and House Majority Whip CLYBURN for their leadership in advancing this legislation. Lastly, I thank the many high tech, business and consumer organizations who have worked so hard to enact this legislation to better protect the privacy and security of American consumers and American businesses. I encourage the President to promptly sign this important criminal legislation into law.

REMEMBERING MUNIR SAID THALIB

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, last week marked the fourth anniversary of the tragic death of Munir Said Thalib, one of Indonesia's leading human rights defenders. Munir was powerful voice who brought attention to the human rights violations committed by Indonesia's military in East Timor, Papua, and Aceh Province during and after the rule of President Suharto. He founded the Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence (Kontras) and championed accountability and justice on behalf of the victims of "disappearances" during the final days of the regime in the late 1990s. Munir, 37, was poisoned with arsenic while traveling from Jakarta to Amsterdam to study international humanitarian law.

Munir as a singular figure who inspired crowds with his impassioned pleas for nonviolence, worked with progressive elements in the military even while challenging army abuses, and

made a point of using himself as an example to inspire others. By refusing to show fear in the face of threats and intimidation, including several attempts on his life, he served as a model for those otherwise afraid to stand up to human rights violators.

Now, 4 years after Munir's untimely death, there is promise that those responsible for his murder will be brought to justice. Despite delays and setbacks, two of those charged have now been convicted, but those who planned the assassination remained at large. Now, 3 years after a fact-finding team established by current President Yudhoyono discovered evidence of involvement by officials of the State Intelligence Agency, a retired general and former senior intelligence officer is on trial for his alleged role in the crime. This trial is an opportunity for Munir's friends and family, for the Indonesian Government, and for the citizens of Indonesia, to obtain a fair accounting of the facts and application of the law. I note with appreciation the work of the investigators in the case so far and convey my strongest support for a fair, timely and transparent process and a just outcome for all concerned.

President Yudhoyono has called the case a test for Indonesia, and Munir's supporters similarly argue that "justice for Munir is justice for all." The willingness of the government to investigate the role of senior staff at the State Intelligence Agency is a significant step forward, and I hope it is an indication of increased accountability more generally. Those who committed human rights abuses must be identified and brought to justice, both to provide a sense of closure for victims who suffered these atrocities as well as to set the important precedent that human and political rights play an important role in today's Indonesia. I encourage the Indonesian Government to undertake similar investigations for other crimes, and urge them to do so in a timely and fair manner.

The decision to undertake this trial is an important indicator of the government's commitment to address ongoing human rights abuses, and to protect human rights activists. I am hopeful this will be the beginning of a more systematic process that prioritizes basic human rights and the rule of law and recognizes that Indonesia has yet to deal effectively with past human rights violations in Aceh, East Timor, Papua, Jakarta, and elsewhere. I hope the resolution of Munir's case will be a blow against impunity and provide an opportunity to promote much-needed military and intelligence reform. Indonesia has made positive reforms since the end of the Suharto regime, but must continue to develop proper mechanisms for accountability, to ensure that such human rights abuses are not repeated.

Indonesia continues to be an important ally of the United States and we must work toward a strong and effective partnership, particularly as we

seek to combat extremism around the globe. It is in the national interest of both countries for Indonesia to successfully complete its process of reform and democratization. However, this strengthening relationship must not come at the expense of a principled stance on human rights and accountability. As we commemorate Munir's death, we must remember that part of this commemoration includes addressing the continuing legacy of Indonesia's recent authoritarian past.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering over 1,000, are heartbreaking and touching. To respect their efforts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through energy_prices@crapo.senate.gov to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Soaring gasoline prices are putting a tighter and tighter pinch on our pocket book for transportation needs. We've taken many steps to reduce the cost of fuel including reducing the way we drive as well as where and how often we drive. Savings from these steps, however, have not caused a reduction in our fuel costs. Rather the cost of fuel has jumped so rapidly, that these efficiencies are almost invisible.

We have an older home which needs a new roof but the cost of composition shingles has risen so significantly that other areas of our budget, if possible, will have to make up the difference. The aging process bringing the shingles to the end of their life is not slowing so a replacement delay is not possible. Working against these circumstances is the escalating price of petroleum products.

The price of products we purchase from the grocery store has risen in correlation with fuel costs. Our food budget is being strained to the limit because the cost of transportation to deliver the products to the grocery store is much more.

We have been advised by government in some communities that the cost of public services, e.g. law enforcement and fire protection will have to be decreased or curtailed because of the extreme jump in the cost of gasoline. We envision our property as well as persons becoming less safe.

We are thankful there are security regulations in place that prevent investors from being ripped off by unscrupulous people. At the same time, we are extremely concerned that in today's world speculators in commodities can manipulate the market. Why cannot the US Government take action immediately to bring control to such activity?

Wouldn't this be a good place to start and one where something could happen quickly?

We were citizens of Washington State several decades ago when a governmental entity, Washington Public Power and Supply System (WPPSS) attempted to construct nuclear power plants according to the wishes of the citizens. We watched millions and millions of hard-earned public dollars go down the drain as environmentalists' voices were given audience and commitments. We literally witnessed the promise of nuclear energy disappear. One of us was employed in State Government. One of our sons is now employed in a nuclear energy support position and we have an in-depth understanding of the benefits as well as risks. The fear tactics used by environmentalists (not facts and data) drove the actions of government.

We have a sleeping giant available in nuclear energy and facts and data, not emotions needs to govern our elected officials' decisions. The problems with energy are not new and have been spoken of frequently since we were born in the late 30's and early 40's. We would hope our Senators and members of Congress would wake up and do that which is best for today and tomorrow.

In a short 9.3 year period, the cost of regular grade gasoline has risen from \$0.899 per gallon to \$4.079 today. That is a 430% increase in cost. At the beginning of this period, we had time to make changes but have squandered them away with political posturing and contention.

Let us do something now. Now does not mean never or whenever. It means Never Override Wisdom. Help Please. Do something now.

KEITH and PATRICIA, *Idaho Falls.*

I appreciate the opportunity to share a little about how the high fuel prices are affecting my family. I have the great opportunity to work as a teacher in the public school setting and to work on the family farm in the summer. I have experienced higher prices for fuel and everything else that is needed (i.e. food, clothes, etc.) over the past year. When everything is going up but our paychecks it makes it difficult to raise a family. While already living with limited means, it is hard to cut back the necessities when all we are there aren't many. The family farm is also suffering. My father-in-law is considering selling a portion of the land to pay for overhead costs of running the rest of the lawn. He may also have to lease the ground out as he can no longer afford the expenses that go along with the small operation. This farm has been in the family for over 75 years. My wife struggles with her part time job because as she goes to work for several hours a day, one hour of the day goes to pay the fuel to get there.

I guess that I could go on and on about how we are all struggling because the high cost of energy; fuel for cars, propane for heat, electricity, higher food cost, etc... but I guess that I would like to share my thoughts on our dependence on foreign energy sources and the hold these entities have on us. I believe that we have been blessed in our country with the resources that we need. More and more of our jobs are being outsourced to other countries and we are buying more of their products. Because we have these oil reserves that we are not accessing because a minority squeaked and got the grease, there is a serious problem. The USA is known for high standards in both safety and environmental protection for anything that we do. If a few Caribou have their grazing area slightly interrupted because of an oil well, it is okay. They will adapt and everything will be okay. Conservation and Protection is very important. I believe that our God has given us this great land for our use. We must be

careful and use it wisely, not foolishly. I believe that our current practices are foolish. We have made ourselves a target and it is hurting us all. Our country is so far in debt and our dollar is worth less and less. This has to change. Even if the use of our own oil is temporary, I believe that it will send the message to the oil cartel that we are not solely dependant on them.

I also believe that we need to stop the large oil companies from hindering our development of technologies of alternate fuel sources and different engines. With all our knowledge today, why has the internal combustion engine, basically, not changed in all that time. We hear of Hydrogen Fuel Cells, Electric Cars, BioFuel, etc... but somehow these ideas are not making it full time the consumer. Things have got to get better. I shutter to think that it is going to get worse for it gets better.

KEVIN, *Georgetown.*

Thank you for being an advocate for Idahoans in Washington. As you know, those of us in sparsely populated states often feel disenfranchised and like our voices are not heard, even that our votes are for naught. I, for one, am grateful that you are a strong voice for Idaho.

You asked for stories of how the high cost of energy is impacting our lives. My story will not have the power of those who must drive long distances to work or those who are engaged in providing our nation with food and who find their very livelihood threatened. I am a widow; I lost my husband a year ago. The last year has been lonely and bleak in many ways, and I miss my husband more than I can express. Our children all live far away—the closest is in Portland, Oregon, one in Houston, another in London, England, another in California. While I do have a few family members here in Idaho Falls, including my sister who lives with me, but my children are who are my greatest comfort since the death of my husband. They cannot afford to travel to see me. And now I cannot travel to see them, nor can my sister see her grandchildren in Boise very often because we cannot afford the gas. In fact, I have not left the city limits of Idaho Falls since Thanksgiving because we simply cannot afford to travel.

My house is all electric—a change we made in the 1970s due to the oil embargo. My heat bills were close to \$300 a month during this very long and very cold winter we just had. As a disabled widow living on a fixed income, this increase was a burden, to say the least. And I know the city of Idaho Falls is preparing to increase our utility bills. I cannot even imagine what really poor people are doing, but if the prices go up, we will have people right here in Bonneville County who will freeze to death. And I am sick at heart thinking of what the next winters brings when I think of gas and electricity and food even for my small household.

The cost of everything has gone up, food prices are skyrocketing, and the trickle-down will be a burden of those of us in the middle and lower classes. When people cannot pay their bills or pay for the basic necessities of life they become desperate. And we all know the most dangerous thing in the world is not a fanatic, but someone who is desperate.

Please help us, Sen. Crapo; please plead our cause and the cause of this nation before Congress. This is not about Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives. This is about the people who elected them becoming desperate with no end in sight. Please tell them we need responsible representatives, not posturing demigods out to line their pockets and further their own agendas. I pray for the day that we can tell the oil producing nations (except for those in North